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SUBJECT: TITO VISIT TO VENEZUELA

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SUMMARY. RESPONSIBLE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SEES THE TITO VISIT MAINLY AS SYMBOLIC OF THE INCREASINGLY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND YUGOSLAVIA. THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE GOV IS TAKING STANDARD SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR THE VISIT AND DID NOT ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF YUGOSLAV EMIGRES IN VENEZUELA. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 10, EMBOFF MET WITH VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DESK OFFICER FOR EAST DUROPEAN AND NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING TITO VISIT AND (PER REFTEL) GOV SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT.

2. THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE TITO VISIT WOULD SYMBOLIZE THE INCREASING CLOSENESS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND YUGOSLAVIA. SHE EXPLAINED THAT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE TWO
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GOVERNMENTS HAD COME TO SEE EYE-TO-EYE ON A GROWING NUMBER

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OF ISSUES AND WERE COLLABORATING WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY.

3. IN HER VIEW, THE GOV'S ORIENTATION TOWARDS THE THIRD WORLD WAS DRAWING CLOSER TO THAT OF YUGOSLAVIA. BOTH COUNTRIES FAVORED NON-ALIGNMENT BUT WERE SKEPTICAL OF THE RADICAL INCLINATIONS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. SHE REPORTED THAT MANY PARTICIPANTS IN THE LIMA NON-ALIGNED MEETING, WHICH SHE ATTENDED, COLD-SHOULDERED AND EVEN HECKLED THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION BECAUSE OF ITS CAUTIOUS STANCE ON THE ISRAELI UN MEMBERSHIP ISSUE.

4. THIS OFFICIAL WAS UNSURE WHETHER TITO WOULD PERSONALLY PRESSURE THE GOV TO DROP ITS OBSERVER STATUS AND BECOME A FORMAL MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. SHE ADMITTED THAT THE GOV WAS REVIEWING THIS ISSUE IN PREPARATION FOR THE TITO VISIT, BUT ADDED THAT "AS OF NOW" THE GOV PREFERENCE FOR OBSERVER STATUS REMAINS UNCHANGED. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, THE GOV DOES NOT ENVISAGE SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL DEALS TO EMERGE FROM THE TITO VISIT, BUT EXPECTS THAT THE COMMUNIQUE TO LAY DOWN GUIDELINES FOR GROWING COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE IN VARIOUS AREAS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY CONCERNING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, SHE SAID THAT GOV WAS TAKING THE USUAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, BUT DID NOT EXPECT SIGNIFICANT PROTEST FROM THE AGED COMMUNITY OF YUGOSLAV EMIGRES IN VENEZUELA. SHE MENTIONED THAT THE GOV MIGHT WANT U.S. ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS EMIGRES WHO MAY ATTTEMPT TO ENTER VENEZUELA FROM THE U.S. DURING THE TITO VISIT, BUT SHE WAS NOT MAKING A FORMAL REQUEST AT THIS TIME. PRINCIPAL GOV CONCERN, IN HER VIEW, WAS "EXTREMELY FRAGILE" STATE OF TITO'S HEALTH.
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